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SUBJECT: SOVIET AMBASSADOR TIKUNOV

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1. DEPARTMENT CAN BEST PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE ANSWER TO REF A SINCE MORE SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF V.S. TIKUNOV'S CAREER BY FAR CAME BEFORE HIS ARRIVAL IN BUCHAREST IN NOVEMBER 1969 AS MINISTER-COUNSELLOR.

2. ON DIPLOMATIC CIRCUIT HERE, TIKUNOV WAS PONDEROUS BUT GENERALLY AFFABLE PRESENCE WHO WAS ABLE TO COMMUNICATE ONLY IN RUSSIAN AND USUALLY HAD SOVEMB INTERPRETER OR EE DIPLOMAT AT HIS SIDE. A LOW BOILING POINT WAS EVIDENT ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS WHEN SOVIET SUBORDINATES, INCLUDING HIS OSTENSIBLE PEER, MINISTER-COUNSELLOR N.V. MASLENNIKOV, WERE SEEN TO SNAP TO, PERHAPS IN REFLECTION OF TIKUNOV'S FORMIDABLE PAST. TIKUNOV ONLY RARELY IMPARTED SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION OR DISINFORMATION TO AMEMBOFFS, LEAVING THIS TO SOVEMB SPECIALISTS, BUT WOULD READILY CONVERSE ON GENERAL TOPICS IN TERMS OF CURRENT MOSCOW LINE. IF TIKUNOV WAS UNHAPPY WITH HIS BUCHAREST ASSIGNMENT, HE KEPT THIS TO HIMSELF.

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